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TAGS: PFOR SY US XF

SUBJECT: SYRIAN FONMIN'S RETURN FROM US

1. SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM, PASSING THROUGH BEIRUT
AFTERNOON AUG 28 EN ROUTE TO DAMASCUS, MADE FOLLOWING
REMARKS AT AIRPORT NEWS CONFERENCE:

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(A) SARG IS DOING UTMOST TO ASSURE EARLIEST

POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE IN ORDER
ACHIEVE JUST ME PEACE BASED ON TOTAL ISRAELI WITH-
DRAWAL AND RESTORATION OF PALESTINIAN "RIGHTS";

(B) PRES FORD HAD AFFIRMED TO HIM THERE WOULD BE NO
CHANGE IN US ME POLICY;

(C) THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF GOLAN DISENGAGEMENT AGREE-
MENT FORM A WHOLE, AND SYRIA HAS UNDERTAKEN TO IMPLEMENT
THAT AGGREEMENT. ITS DURATION IS SIX MONTHS, BUT EVEN IF IT
IS ALLOWED TO TERMINATE, CONTINUED PRESENCE OR WITHDRAWAL
OF UN FORCES IN GOLAN SECTOR WILL BE UP TO SARG;

(D) HE HAD DISCUSSED ISRAELI THREATS AGAINST SYRIA IN
HIS TALKS WITH US OFFICIALS, BUT SARG NOT BOTHERED BY
SUCH THREATS. SYRIAN ARMED FORCES READY TO DEFEND SYRIAN
SOIL "AT ANY MOMENT".

(E) HE DID NOT RPT NOT DISCUSS FRENCH ARMS SALES TO
SYRIA DURING HIS VISIT TO PARIS. (REPORT, WHICH WE
CANNOT EVALUATE, IS CIRCULATING HERE TO EFFECT THAT
FRENCH HAVE PROMISED TO INSTALL NEW RADAR NETWORK FOR
SARG.)

2. ABOVE PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWED PUBLICATION OF EX-
CLUSIVE REPORT BY LOCAL ARAB NEWS AGENCY QUOTING "IN-
FORMED POLITICAL SOURCE" TO EFFECT THAT KHADDAM HAD LAID
DOWN FOLLOWING PRE-CONDITIONS FOR RENEWAL OF UNDOF MAN-
DATE IN HIS TALKS WITH USG OFFICIALS:

(A) FIRM DATE MUST BE FIXED FOR RESUMPTION OF GENEVA
CONFERENCE; AND

(B) USG MUST INFORM SARG IN WRITING OF ITS COMMITMENT
TO FURTHER EVACUATION OF ISRAEILI FORCES FROM GOLAN SECTOR.
NEWSMEN AT AIRPORT PRESSED KHADDAM TO CONFIRM OR DENY
ANA REPORT, BUT HE LIMITED HIS COMMENTS TO (A) AND (C) IN
PARA 1 ABOVE. GODLEY

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